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JESUS THE GREAT DEMOCRAT

THAT'S THE WAY BISHOP WM. A. QUALE PUTS IT.

A Sermon on The Exaltation of The Christ—A "Job" and a "Task."

Our readers will be interested in reading a few quotations from Bishop W. A. Quale, of Oklahoma, which he used last Sunday in dedicating a new \$50,000 church in St. Louis, of which Rev. Grant A. Robins, well remembered by many in Mexico, is pastor.

"In this country we have so few soldiers they're a joke, a run riot. If all of them were to shoot off their guns at once we wouldn't even smell powder. If all of them were to shoot at once the people would only think they were smoking hams," said the Bishop.

"Why haven't we any more soldiers?" he continued. "Because we are too busy producing men and women."

"Christ said, 'Put up your swords,' and the world as a whole has put up its sword." Turning to former Vice-President Fairbanks, who was a guest of honor on the platform, the Bishop said: "Mr. Fairbanks a few years ago went around the world and he didn't have a pistol in his pocket, nor a knife in his sheath. Why? Because Almighty God has pacified the world."

"I have been in every large American city. I have been in all their byways and highways and hellways and I never even carried a cane. Whenever I saw anybody going to hold me up I just took off my hat and let them see the danger signal of my red hair."

"There's lots of foolish talk about war and about world peace, because everybody's talking about it, and when everybody talks there's bound to be some silly talk. Of course, if only the discriminating, like you and me, talked about it it would be different."

The Bishop paid a tribute to American newspapers.

"This is the only country where we're not afraid to let everything out," he said. "Man didn't need to read until he knew he was a man."

"To exalt the Christ," he declared; "that is the job of the church. I don't mean the task of the church. Somebody will ask me why I didn't say 'task' instead of 'job.' Well, the reason is, I don't want to say task. Task means real hard labor. Job means business on the run."

"There never was a Republic till Jesus got here. There could have been no such things as Plato's Republic. There couldn't have been a Republic under Socrates. Jesus is the great Democrat. We may not have a perfect democracy here in this country, but we are getting ahead. We are trying the principle of plain, straight human equality."

"What is democracy? It is the living operative sense that man and man are equal. It is the sublimest doctrine ever brought to earth, and Jesus brought it."

Miss Jeanette White has been employed as teacher in the Burnham district for next fall and winter. We understand she gets \$70 per month.

The Baptist Sunday school base ball nine has been organized for the coming summer season. Owens Adams was elected manager and Joe B. Daniel, captain.

BRAKEMAN KILLED.

Riding on Bumpers Falls and Is Out in Two.

Henry Hughes, 22 years old, whose parents reside at North Jefferson, just this side of Cedar City, with Arthur Martin, another brakeman who resides in Mexico, got a lay-off a few days ago and thought to take a trip from here to Hannibal. They first rode on top the train but later, driven by a heavy rain, according to reports, they slid down to the bumpers and by some means Hughes lost his hold and fell. One arm was cut off and the train passed across one side of his body. He was terribly mangled and no doubt died instantly. The body was taken to the home of his parents for burial.

Hannibal, Mo., April 29.—Henry Hughes of Mexico, Mo., a Chicago and Alton switchman, fell beneath a Burlington freight train in Hannibal, and was instantly killed today. He was on his way to Hannibal to visit Miss Gertrude Bowen, his sweetheart. Attempting to save a few hours cost Hughes his life. He and Walter Martin, a fireman, boarded a freight train at Louisiana, Mo., rather than wait for a passenger train to Hannibal several hours later.

Dr. Denies Foot Race.

We met our very excellent friend Dr. R. W. Bourne the other day, the youngest old man in Mexico, who recently celebrated his 92nd birthday, and we told him that we had understood he recently entered a foot race. "Who told that," he hastily inquired. "I haven't run since the war." He and Charles Leeper went over to Auxvasse a short time ago and both walked one and one-fourth mile out to the home of Charles M. Lawrence, a pretty good feat, for either, we thought, and that's why we ventured to joke the doctor a bit.

Corcoran-Mansfield Nuptials.

Mr. Wm. Corcoran, a popular engineer of "The Only Way," and Miss Lelia Mansfield, a highly esteemed young lady of this city, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mansfield, were united in marriage last Thursday, Rev. J. C. Handy officiating. They will make Mexico their home. Our best wishes extended them.

The debate at Montgomery City last Friday night between the Centralia and Montgomery City high schools resulted in a victory for Montgomery City. Raymond Cox and Arthur Sames were the Centralia disputants. The judges were Dr. J. D. Elliff, Columbia; Rev. G. C. Vannoy, Centralia, and Milton Jones, Montgomery City.

We renewed acquaintance the other day with our old boyhood friend, "Bud" Campbell, who lives south of Benton City. Mr. Campbell loves to talk of the dancing days and the visits to the "babbling brooks" and "swimming holes" in the earlier times in this county down on Lick Creek.

A base ball nine has been organized in Prairie Lea school district. They call themselves "None-Socks." They better keep their socks on till this lingering chilly weather is sure gone.

Rev. W. C. Rice announces that there will be preaching service at Trinity church next Sunday morning and at night, "rain or shine."

MISS BRADLEY WINS.

Country Girl Comes Out Ahead in Prize Piano Contest.

J. M. Burhop & Co. of this city, representing the Kimball Piano Co., ran an advertisement for three issues in each of the Mexico newspapers—a contest offering a \$400 Kimball piano as the prize. Mr. Burhop says "those newspapers certainly have a wide circulation." He received replies to the advertisement from a dozen States, all the way from North Dakota to Florida. An Audrain county girl contested against all these and won. Over 700 persons in the contest, all told. The winner is Miss Sallie Bradley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe S. Bradley, who lives about nine miles southwest of Mexico. She is 19 years old. The judges—Revs. J. E. Aysene and W. A. Shullenberger and Mayor Willard Potts—say her paper was a genuine piece of art. We congratulate Miss Bradley, she has won a prize worth while.

Miss Elizabeth Pearson, of Mexico, and Miss Jeanette White, of Centralia, were good seconds in the contest.

Hunsaker-Points Nuptials.

Mr. H. H. Hunsaker and Miss Jessie May Points were united in marriage last Thursday, at the home of the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Wm. Hunsaker, in this city. Rev. J. E. Aysene officiating. The bride's home was in Higginsville. The groom recently returned from the West where he had a place in Uncle Sam's army. Our best wishes extended the happy couple.

Philip Shire and Mike Donnelly both deny that the cold winter killed all their bull frogs. Shire invites State Fish Commissioner R. Porter to come out to his farm and see. Porter will hear the bull frog roar all right.

Richard Norris, formerly a watchman at the Jefferson street crossing here, froze his feet some months ago and lately underwent a second operation in the "Wabash" hospital at Moberly on account of his affliction.

The Audrain Co. Gun Club will give a matinee shoot at the Fair Grounds tomorrow afternoon, at two o'clock. It is for practice for the big shoot which is to be held here next month.

Albert Hendrix has been chosen driver of the fire wagon. Kennan Hulen resigned to take the place of superintendent of the work of the eight-mile road district commissioners.

I. T. Van Note, the dairyman, has induced the price of his milk. He says since he can put his cows on spring grass he feels that he can sell his milk some cheaper.

Miss Eugenia Stotler of Ladonia visited her brother, George Stotler, and wife, at Martinsburg this week. We are sorry to learn that George is not in good health of late.

Miss Mintie Morton, of Benton City, was married last week to Mr. Chas. S. Thomas, of Montgomery City. They will reside in the latter city.

The Message was pleased to make the acquaintance the other day of C. W. Wilson. He is a hustling farmer residing near Thompson.

Isaac Taylor of this city who has been ill enjoyed a visit recently from Mrs. Frank Dillard and M. F. Taylor of Shamrock.

FORTY-TWO WILL GRADUATE.

LARGEST CLASS IN HISTORY OF MEXICO HIGH SCHOOL.

The Boys Make a Showing as to Numbers This Time.

Forty-two young men and women will be graduated from McMillan High School here next month. This is the largest graduating class in the history of the Mexico High School. Graduating exercises will be conducted May 16 and Dr. William Rainey Bennett of Chicago will address the graduates. The members of the class are:

Frank Cauthorn, Lee Duncan, Paul Edmonston, Buckner Harrison, Clayborn Jackson, Henry Kunkel, Nesbitt Livingston, Dyssart Moore, George Bast, Otto Weiner, Lawrence Martin, Lester Miller, Ned Miller, Shields Moore, Glendy Morris, Fletcher Powell, Fred Peck, Lewis Rice, Ernest Ridgel, Carlyle Willard, Helen Averitt, Agatha Copeman, Ellen Carter, Katherine Haskell, Esther Hardine, Maurine Heiser, Nellie Lee, Beulah Marshall, Kathryn Murphy, Edna McMurtry, Anna McMurtry, Polly Powell, Nellie Pearson, Mittie Peck, Blanche Slonaker, Estelle Slonaker, Lena Whitson, Margaret Wright, Lillian Woolery, Harriett Winans, Anna Williams and Mildred Wallace.

Christian Endeavor Convention.

The officers and executive committee of the Christian Endeavor Union of this district held a meeting in Mexico last Sunday to formulate plans for the annual meeting which is to be held in Ladonia June 24, 25 and 26. Those here from outside of Mexico were: Miss Bertha May, Fulton; H. B. Aubrey and Alvin Dallmey, Jefferson City; C. M. Denmark, Ladonia, and Mrs. T. T. Simmons, and Miss Nellie Burgess, Columbia.

General Schroll of Farber, this county, and the Message editor used to attend school together down on Lick Creek. We know him like a book: a mighty good fellow. General has been down in Fitzgerald, Ga., where he spent the winter. He writes the Farber Forum that he has had a good time in the Sunny South. Has been eating young fried chicken lately and strawberries and green peas. Says the oats in that section are ready to head and new potatoes are large enough to use. That's where summer has been all spring instead of coming up this way.

W. S. Dotson and wife returned last week from a tour of the west, after a year's absence, spending the time in Oklahoma, Utah, Oregon, and California. Mr. Dotson is a brother of Mrs. W. C. Rice of this city and Mrs. Dotson is a sister of Mr. Alex. Laws also of Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Dotson were much improved in health and greatly enjoyed the winter on the coast. They spent a couple of days in Mexico and went to their farm east of Auxvasse.

Mrs. Ed. Atchison, of near Worcester, visited Mexico friends first of the week.

R. M. White, R. E. Race and W. J. McLooney and wife attended the funeral of Mrs. Dinwiddie Gray in Sturgeon Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cordner, of Auxvasse, have moved to Mexico.

WORK TO PROCEED.

Contractor to Finish Erection of New County Infirmary Building.

Since last fall the work on the new County Poor Farm building has been at a stand-still on account of alleged defective concrete work. But this week matters were fixed up and the contractor has agreed to support the parts of the structure alleged to be defective by steel beams, so as to give the required full strength. The building will be a beauty for architecture and convenience when completed. It will take about two months yet for its completion.

HIGH HILL DISTRICT.

Farm work is very backward, but plenty of good grass is relieving the feed situation.

Several horses have been sick lately, and Mr. Philip Dalbey lost a good mare Saturday night.

Roy Sims lost a valuable sow and has eight pigs to raise by hand.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Puls and W. T. Puls have lately visited their mother, Aunt Margaret Puls of Mexico, who has been sick. She is better at this writing.

Lee Mayes and wife of Centralia have moved to their farm for the summer. It is hard for a farmer to keep out of farming.

Emmitt Sims and wife of near Mexico visited homefolks here recently.

Many hearts are saddened on account of the death of Mrs. Jim Reed of Centralia, who, until recent years, was a resident of this neighborhood. She had passed thru great affliction, for many years. She was a good woman, and leaves a host of friends, her mother, husband and two daughters. Funeral services were held at the Christian church in Centralia by her pastor, Rev. Helsker, and interment made in Centralia cemetery.

Another sorrow, a dark cloud, has come to the home of Mrs. Lannie Hendron. It will be remembered that she lost her husband in February last. Then in March, her oldest child, a bright little boy, died. Then today, the sad, sad word comes that her only child, a bright little boy baby, is dead. All three died of pneumonia. Mrs. Hendron is the only member of the family left. These families have the sympathy of all their many friends; but not all of us know the depth of such sorrow, hence cannot fully enter into the deepest sympathy.

Bernard Sellars had the misfortune to get his collar bone broken. He is getting along all right.

Manuel Rediger now rides in a nice new buggy. Wonder who will ride with him?

Mrs. Jim Smith spent a week visiting relatives in the vicinity of Gant.

L. L. Spencer sold a cow to Chas. Campbell for \$45.

Mrs. Chas. Sellers had an enjoyable visit from two aunts of St. Louis. They are Mrs. Maggie Cook and Mrs. Sallie Bossel.

Miss Grace Smith has been secured as teacher for our next term of school. Her past record assures us of a good school, here in her home district.

W. D. Barnes and family visited at J. H. Turner's Sunday.

Jesse Puls of Mexico spent Saturday and Sunday with his uncle, B. F. Puls.

Urby Lanham visited Jack Jennings' folks over Sunday.

Mrs. Finley Johnson and little daughter, Evelyn, of Benton City, visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore at Hatton recently.

Attacked by Vicious Sow.

The Paris Appeal tells that Miss Susan McGill, south of Paris, is in a precarious condition from injuries inflicted by a vicious sow. While crossing a lot she was attacked by the enraged animal. Three ribs and her collar bone were broken, her face was almost torn to shreds and the upper part of her body badly lacerated. The sow finally left her of its own accord. It was an awful experience for Miss McGill, and there is much anxiety on her account.

Mexico Boys Win Debate.

A Westminster debating team at Fulton, with Pool Harrison and Charles Liebler, both of Mexico, among the leaders, won from the Central College team at Fayette last Friday night. Harrison and Liebler had the negative of the question "Resolved, That State judges should be subject to recall." Another Westminster team the same night won, having the affirmative of the same question, against Missouri Valley debating team. Prof. J. L. Shobe of Mexico was one of the judges in this latter contest.

CENTRAL LINN.

We sometimes think our troubles gigantic, But when we read about the "Titanic,"

Why, the long cold winter and the wet late spring,

And muddy and rough roads and all these things

Are nothing whatever to be compared

With the fate those aboard the "Titanic" shared.

Miss Maude Dye has returned home after a visit to relatives and friends in and near Vandalia.

Mrs. R. S. Meehlin, who had the misfortune of having both arms broken in a runaway two weeks ago, we are glad to report is getting along nicely. The doctor thinks one arm can soon be relieved of its bandage.

T. B. Ham lost a valuable horse last week.

Mrs. J. W. Coakley received two settings of eggs from Colorado. They were sent by her son, R. L. Coakley, of Pueblo, who thinks he has the finest chickens their is, the Rhode Island Reds.

Miss Bertha Dye and Miss Josephine Erb are taking a course in music. Miss Florence Pasley of Rush Hill is the instructor.

Harry Meehlin was thrown from a horse last Friday and was badly hurt. Fortunately no bones were broken, and we hope he will soon be his former self.

Henry Anderson had a horse cut on the wire a few days ago.

Miss Lavona Edwards and Miss Synthia Cunningham were shopping in Ladonia Saturday.

Pat Flynn sold a mule last week. It was a family pet and the women hated to part with it.

G. W. Newgent paid the Message a call last Saturday, handing us his renewal for the paper and also the renewal for his neighbor, J. W. Peck. Mr. Newgent came in from the north on the electric car. Says the car was loaded with passengers to the guards, about 50 people aboard.

Mrs. Tena Heizer and daughter, Miss Lola, of near Molino, left last week for Dalton, Neb., where they will sojourn for an indefinite time with Mrs. Heizer's son, Harvey Heizer, who is in business at that place.

The excavating for the paving on East Love street is to begin the 15th of this month.

Dick Thomas, of Rush Hill, was up this way one day last week on business.

TO CARRY THE U. S. MAILS.

ELECTRIC R. R. SIGNS UP FOR NICE CONTRACT.

To Transport Mails to Molino and Vice Versa.

C. A. Charleston, of the railway mail service department, headquarters at St. Louis, was in Mexico last week and after going over the electric line from Mexico to Molino, measuring the distance from the Mexico postoffice to Molino and then measuring back, signed up a contract for the Government to carry the United States mails between this city and Molino. The contract will have to be approved by the Post-office Department at Washington, and it may be some time before definite arrangements are completed.

In the meantime, may we suggest again, let's have this electric line extended from Molino on to Santa Fe, and ultimately to Perry.

The worth of this railroad project in becoming more and more apparent every day.

POWELL FORD.

Plenty of rain. Old Salt River higher than it has been for a long time.

Most all the peach trees are dead in this vicinity, but the cherry trees and plum trees are in full bloom; ditto strawberries.

Only a few that have potatoes planted in this neighborhood.

Earl Carter's windmill was demolished by the hard wind Thursday of last week.

Miss Eleanor Mason is the guest of relatives at Mexico.

Mrs. McPheeters, of Mexico, visited her daughter, Mrs. Wm. McMurtry and family of this neighborhood, last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Olivia Carter spent Sunday and Monday in Columbia with her sisters, Misses Mary and Laura Carter.

M. N. Powell's horse, known to many as Black Bess, has a fine Rex McDonald colt, which he is very proud of.

MOLINO ITEMS.

Miss Corinne Cowherd of near Santa Fe is visiting her sister, Mrs. Porter Cauthorn.

William Weaver of Mexico spent a few days last week with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Marshall of near Long Branch spent Tuesday with Henry Iman and wife.

Miss Gussie Flynt of near Hallsville was the guest of her brother, Dr. Flynt and family, last week.

Miss Ardis Squires is recovering from an attack of measles.

Miss Grace Copeman of Mexico spent Monday with Miss Florence Heizer.

Otis Purdy of this city attended the organization of the State Rexall Club held in St. Louis last week. All the members are druggists. The membership is 150. Mr. Purdy was on the nominating committee for the election of officers. R. L. Hope, of Centralia, was made a member of one of the standing committees.

Mrs. L. H. Hanna is the guest of Hannibal relatives.

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